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Gardner Presents Annual Report for 2017 Highlighting Cutting-Edge Innovation and Initiatives

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today presented an <u>annual report for 2017</u> on the accomplishments of Frederick County Government, emphasizing that the county has been energized by innovation throughout the year with cutting-edge initiatives and many economic accomplishments.

These include the opening of the new downtown technology center called ROOT, reaffirmation of the AAA bond rating by all three rating agencies, strengthening of ethics laws, collaboration with Frederick County Public Schools to build new schools and add exciting programs for students, improvements in public safety operations, new jobs, spurring business growth across diverse sectors, identifying the impact of residential growth, recognizing operational success at Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living, building public libraries, re-energizing sustainability programs and much more. Progress has primarily focused on four key priorities -- jobs, seniors, education and community needs.

"My emphasis continues to be on people, prosperity and good government," said Executive Gardner. "We are successfully delivering excellent results for our citizens while maintaining strong financial standards. I am grateful to our outstanding team of directors and employees who work hard with me to ensure a bright future for Frederick County!"

Executive Gardner also presented the <u>Comprehensive Annual Financial Report</u> (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The annual report and financial statement will be presented to the County Council at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street.

The CAFR is an extensive document presenting various levels of reporting and disclosures regarding financial statements, and includes an audit from a firm of licensed certified public accountants who provided an independent review of county government. No findings were made in the audit.

To obtain a copy of the annual report and CAFR visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/executive.

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